



Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix-I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters). In addition all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsible.

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FV-320

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors.

Date Issued: August 17, 2004

Washington, DC 20250
Miscellaneous Products, Announcement FV-320, Invitation 009.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell miscellaneous products as indicated below and per the Announcement for donation to the Child Nutrition Program. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Thursday, August 19, 2004. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Monday August 23, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from September 1, 2004 thru September 15, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Fresh Tomatoes for Processing Bulk-(40,000 lbs.) 4,920,000 lbs.

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING

1. Pack – Bulk
2. Color – 28 maximum
Method – Agtron measurement of a composite raw juice sample extracted from tomatoes representative of the lot; or an equivalent method (fairly well colored” a defined in the United States Standards for Grades of Tomatoes for Processing).
3. Worm damage – 2% maximum
Method – weigh scoreable tomatoes (those with worm injury or worms attached)
4. Mold, decay and/or fungus – 8% maximum
Method – weigh scoreable tomatoes
5. Green – 4% maximum
Method – weigh scoreable tomatoes (any with no visible red color on surface)
6. Extraneous material – 4% maximum
Method – weigh extraneous material (i.e., dirt, loose stems, vines, stones, trash, etc.)

Tomatoes shall be free from any other defect or combination of defects that would result in the loss of more than 20% of the weight of an individual tomato when removed in preparation for processing.



Loading tolerance of product – 40,000 lbs. net minimum.

- *Inspection and certification – documentation is required to support that the product is U.S. grown.*
- *Product may be inspected at the point of delivery.*

For payment purposes, ensure that all documentation is included as provided in Announcement FV320, Section X. Invoices and Payments

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-320, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Miscellaneous Products dated June 2003, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0239, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>. Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-320, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

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INVITATION : 009
COMM GROUP : 89 MISC PROD BULK
COMM TYPE : 10 TOMATOES-BULK
PACK SIZE : 90 BULK

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (LBS)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/04 - 09/15/04

001	HELM	CA		720,000
002	HELM	CA		2,240,000
003	HELM	CA		1,320,000

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DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/04 - 09/15/04

004	HELM	CA		120,000
005	HELM	CA		120,000
006	HELM	CA		80,000
007	HELM	CA		120,000
008	HELM	CA		80,000
009	HELM	CA		120,000

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 4,920,000

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Contracting Officer

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